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SUBJECT: UNFICYP REDUCTION

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1. IN LIGHT SYG WALDHEIM'S UPCOMING VISIT TO CYPRUS (REFTEL), WOULD LIKE DRAW USUN'S ATTENTION TO LACK OF PROGRESS ON UNFICYP REDUCTION. FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, WE AWARE THAT UNFICYP HAS RECOMMENDED CUT OF AROUND 25 PERCENT, BUT THIS PERHAPS CONDITIONED ON GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOT WILLINGNESS RENOUNCE USE OF FORCE. ALSO POSSIBLE FORCE COMMANDER PREM CHAND WILL REFUSE AGREE WITH ANY REDUCTION UNLESS SECRETARIAT CHANGE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, SPECIFICALLY NOTING FORCE NOT EXPECTED INTERPOSE IN EVENT FIGHTING BREAKS OUT.

2. CUTS DURING CURRENT MANDATE PERIOD WILL BE TOKEN, IF AT ALL. UNFICYP HAS ASKED ALL CONTINGENTS ABSORB 20 MAN CUT, BUT WE UNDER-
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STAND THAT SWEDES, AND PERHAPS OTHERS, CONTINUE CLAIM

THEY AT MINIMUM LEVEL NOW.

3. UNFICYP HAS NOT ADDRESSED QUESTION OF 50 TO 75 PERCENT REDUCTIONS AS SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR SCALI IN JUNE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE. UNFICYP OFFICIALS ARGUE THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIAL DECONFRONTATION.

4. FROM CONVERSATIONS HERE IT UNCLEAR WHEN REDUCTION PROPOSAL WILL BE FINALIZED OR WHETHER THERE ARE PLANS FOR OCTOBER MEETING CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES. POSSIBLE THAT UNFICYP HAS RECOMMENDED SIMPLE NUMERICAL REDUCTION, LEAVING DIFFICULT QUESTION WHERE CUTS WILL BE MADE (ACROSS THE BOARD CUT IN ALL CONTINGENTS OR ELIMINATION ONE OR MOE NATIONAL GROUPS) UP TO HQS. NEW YORK. ALSO UNCLEAR WHETHER SECRETARIAT WILL INVITE INPUT FROM CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES BEFORE PROPOSAL SET IN CONCRETE. IT EVIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT PREM CHAND RESISTING REDUCTIONS AND SEEKING MEANS POSTPONE DECISIONS.

5. PRIOR TO HIS VISIT HERE, WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MISSION TO DRAW WALDHEIM'S ATTENTION TO USG'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN EFFECTING SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.
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